

What is claimed is:

1. A carrying case for a chainsaw having a bar, said carrying case comprising:

a base having a lower wall, a rear wall, and two end walls, one of the end walls having a slot therein;

a front member pivotally connected to said base about a pivot axis, said front member being pivotable from a closed position toward a position in which said front member is substantially coplanar with the lower wall of said base;

a top member pivotally connected to said base about a pivot axis which is substantially parallel to the pivot axis of said front member, said top member being pivotable from a closed position toward a position in which said top member is substantially coplanar with the rear wall of said base;

a scabbard for being applied to the bar of the chainsaw, said scabbard having an end portion adapted to be received within the slot in the end wall of said base when the chainsaw, with said scabbard applied thereto, is disposed within said base;

wherein the slot is formed in one of the end walls of said base along an edge of the end wall adjacent to said top member when said top member is in the closed position, such that the end portion of the scabbard is inserted into the slot as the scabbard is moved downward toward the lower wall of said base; and

a door for closing at least a portion of the slot pivotally connected to the end wall of said base in which the slot is formed.

2. The carrying case of Claim 1 wherein said front member is substantially parallel to the rear wall of said base when said front member is in the closed position, wherein said top member is substantially parallel to the lower wall of said base when said top member is in the closed position, and wherein said two end walls of said base are substantially parallel to each other.
3. The carrying case of Claim 1 wherein the rear wall, the lower wall and the two end walls of said base each comprise generally flat double wall panels.
4. The carrying case of Claim 3 wherein the rear wall, the lower wall and the two end walls of said base are substantially rigidly joined together to form said base.
5. The carrying case of Claim 1 wherein the rear wall and the lower wall are connected to each other by a living hinge by which the rear wall and the lower wall may be folded from a position in which the rear wall and the lower wall are substantially coplanar to a position in which the rear wall and the lower wall are substantially perpendicular to each other.
6. The carrying case of Claim 1 wherein said front member is pivotally connected to said base by a hinge joining said front member to the lower wall of said base.

7. The carrying case of Claim 1 wherein said top member is pivotally connected to said base by a hinge joining said top member to the rear wall of said base.

8. The carrying case of Claim 1 further comprising at least one latch for releasably joining said front member to said top member when in the closed position.